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Quiz: Compound Sentences

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

1. A simple sentences has _____ independent clause(s).
(how many)
2. A compound sentence has _____ independent clauses(s).
(how many)
3. An independent clause has a(n) _____, which tells what the sentence is about.
4. An independent clause has a(n) _____, which shows the action or state-of-being.

Example sentence #1: Helen helped, but Mary refused.

The two independent clauses in example sentence #1 are:

6. _____
7. _____

Example sentence #2: Lee teaches math, and his wife teaches history.

The two independent clauses in example sentence #2 are:

7. _____
8. _____

The coordinating conjunctions are: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so. Choose the conjunction that BEST completes the following sentences. Use each once.

9. I like Bill, _____ sometimes he is too loud.
10. The cat and dog raced around the yard, _____ they hated each other.
11. The food got cold, _____ we heated it up.
12. Mrs. Planter went to the butcher shop, _____ she bought a sirloin steak.

13. The milk was not on the counter, _____ was it on the table.

14. Put that back, _____ I will call the cops.

15. She seems like a nice person, _____ she has no friends.

In the following sentences, put a COMMA in the correct place if it is needed.

16. The clerk rang up the sale and his helper packed the groceries.

17. The children played tag but they did not include Steven.

18. By mistake, the ice man turned down the freezer so all the ice melted.

19. I invited Kathy for she is my best friend.

If a semicolon is needed, put it in the correct place in the following sentences.

20. Dr. Lee teaches math his wife teaches history.

21. The salmon swam upstream they were headed for their home.

22. Potatoes and beans were served the taste was terrible.

23. The snow finally is melting it has been on the ground for two weeks.

In the next sentences, put a comma or semicolon in the proper place in each sentence that it is needed.

24. The water rose and then receded.

25. The bird rose rapidly and headed west.

26. The tree fell and the lumberjack stripped the branches from its trunk.

27. Her dress was green and her gloves were white.

28. She wore a green dress and white gloves.

29. The Angels got beat by the Devils for the Devils are a better team.

30. The Angels played the Devils and lost.